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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/227 of 8 April 1993, 48/207 of 21 December 1993 and 49/125 of 19 December 1994,

Having considered the report prepared upon the request of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, entitled "Summary of ongoing activities and brief identification of potential developments of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research", 1/ and taking into account the statements made before the Second Committee of the Assembly,

Recognizing the successful implementation of the transfer of the headquarters of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research from New York to Geneva and the Institute's consolidating itself at its new location,

Taking note with interest of the measures taken to complete the restructuring process of the Institute,

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1/ A/50/539, annex.

Welcoming the measures already taken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 49/125 in order to resolve the problem the Institute had been experiencing with respect to the rent of its Geneva headquarters,

Recognizing that training activities should be accorded a more visible and larger role in support of the management of international affairs and in the execution of the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

1. Reaffirms the relevance of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly in the view of the many training requirements of all Member States;

2. Invites the Institute to further develop its cooperation with United Nations institutes and other relevant national, regional and international institutes;

3. Welcomes the decision of the Board of Trustees of the Institute, at its session and at its special session, inviting the Institute to open a liaison office in New York, in so far as this is possible within its existing resources and pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 47/227 and 49/125, in order to respond to the training needs of the missions and delegations of Member States in New York and in order to strengthen its cooperative relationship with the United Nations Secretariat;

4. Urges all Member States to consider resuming or increasing their voluntary contributions to the restructured United Nations Institute for Training and Research, in particular to its General Fund;

5. Encourages the Secretary-General to take relevant measures with respect to the regularization of the office of Executive Director of the Institute, taking into account the recommendations of the Board of Trustees;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, duly taking into account the deliberations of the Board of Trustees, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on possible ways to strengthen the training activities of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and to better define its role.